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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a long history of
3 producing agricultural products and innovation in the
4 agricultural field; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois is a leading producer of corn, soybeans,
6 and swine, and because of its favorable climate and soil,
7 produces many other agricultural items such as fruits and
8 vegetables, livestock, and even Christmastrees; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois' 74,300 farms cover approximately 27
10 million acres and have an average size of 358 acres; they
11 produce not only crops and raise livestock, but also provide
12 many hunting, fishing, and other outdoor opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois' agricultural commodities generate over
14 \$19 billion annually in addition to billions more in farm
15 machinery, agricultural real estate, and production; and

16 WHEREAS, The Illinois food industry employs almost one
17 million people who transport, market, and process agricultural
18 products for use to the entire world; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois' transportation infrastructure allows
20 the export of over \$8.2 billion worth of agricultural goods to

1 the world, making it third in the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, Illinois farmers have to meet many various
3 requirements, and possess numerous licenses and permits to sell
4 goods, operate machinery, and properly care for their crops,
5 animals, and land; and

6 WHEREAS, These various requirements are mandated to be
7 renewed at different times of the year; and

8 WHEREAS, During the current fiscal crisis, many State
9 agencies are reducing services and not notifying license
10 holders of pending expirations in order to save money;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 urge the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Illinois Secretary
15 of State, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois
16 Department of Natural Resources, and any other agencies or
17 entities that they see fit, to work together to synchronize the
18 expiration and renewal dates of all State-mandated licenses,
19 permits, and other requirements necessary to successfully
20 operate a farm in the State of Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies be delivered to Secretary of

1 State Jesse White, Agriculture Director Raymond Poe, Commerce
2 Commission Chairman Brien Sheahan, and Natural Resources
3 Director Wayne Rosenthal.